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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the National Guard Patriot Academy.

Whereas, The National Guard Patriot Academy is a National Guard Bureau pilot program to offer qualified high school dropouts an opportunity to join the National Guard, earn their high school diploma, and give back to the community;

Whereas, Accredited by the Indiana State Board of Education as a freeway high school, the Patriot Academy is the first and only accredited high school for soldiers run by any branch of the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas, The Patriot Academy is a residential facility that can house up to 250 students, and the academy is located at the

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Muscatatuck Urban Training Center in Butlerville, where students focus on academics, military training, and community service;

Whereas, The length of the stay at the Patriot Academy varies from student to student depending on the number of credits necessary to meet Indiana graduation requirements;

Whereas, The Academy opened in the summer of 2009 and graduated its first senior class in 2010, with most students earning a General or Core-40 Diploma;

Whereas, The academic program at the Patriot Academy is a combination of instruction by on-site, licensed teachers and distance learning;

Whereas, Through the Patriot Academy, the military is helping to reduce the growing number of high school dropouts by offering those young people who drop out of a more traditional school a second chance to succeed; and

Whereas, The National Guard Patriot Academy offers its students an opportunity to be better prepared to meet the challenges of military and civilian life: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 acknowledges the opportunities the National Guard Patriot Academy
3 has extended to its students and urges the academy to continue to
4 develop and expand the academy's curriculum.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to Commandant
7 Lieutenant Colonel William (Kenny) Freeman, Jr.

